Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lewton

To Speak At Pamplin & Evergreen

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lewton, missionaries to Kenya, Africa, will speak at Pamplin United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 10, 1977 at 7:30 p.m., with a fellowship hour following.

They will speak at Evergreen United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a covered dish supper beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Lewtons serve with World Gospel Mission, an interdenominational sending agency with 300 missionaries, associate missionaries, and homeland staff, laboring in 15 areas of the world. International headquarters is in Marion, Indiana.

Mr. Lewton, born in Camp Crook, South Dakota, was reared on a farm. He knew little of evangelical Christianity until a Methodist preacher took an interest in him. Gene was converted, and later married the preacher's daughter, Marion Empie.

He attended Black Hills Teacher College, Spearfish, and he and Mrs. Lewton were graduated from Chicago Evangelistic Institute, now Vennard College, University Park, Iowa. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from William Penn College, Oskaloosa.

After pastoring in the Methodist Church for two years, the Lewtons left for Kenya in 1955. They studied the Kipsigis language, and taught at Kenya Highlands Bible College before transferring to Tenwek station. There they engaged in general missionary work. During their second term, they were involved in teaching, building, and general church ministries at Cheptenye. And they established a high school on the station.

The following term, the Lewtons engaged in rugged pioneer work among the primitive Masai tribe, and opened the station at Naikarra. In 1967, they moved into temporary quarters, and Mr. Lewton hauled water and sand from heavy bush country infested with wild animals, in order to erect the buildings. It was not unusual to see zebras grazing in their front yard. The Masai, a very colorful people, move from place to place to secure grazing for their cattle. But there has been some spiritual response among them. A church-sponsored elementary school has been opened, and medical work is regularly carried on by WGM personnel at the Naikarra station.

Returning to Kenya for a fourth term, the Lewtons were assigned to Bethany Bookshop, Nakuru. Recently, executives of the Mission requested them to return to the U.S. headquarters to fill a vacancy for a short time. Coupled with this work, they are available for a limited schedule of meetings.

Organist To Entertain At Pamplin

Harold B. Wright

Organist to entertain at Pamplin on Thursday evening, Sept. 8, at 8 p.m. The well-known Harold B. Wright of Lynchburg will be on hand to entertain AARP members and their guests at the Pamplin Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Pamplin. There will be no charge for admission but only those over 55 years of age will be allowed.

The program will consist of songs of yesterday that are considered "the oldies but goodies" played by Mr. Wright on the organ furnished by one of the members.

Mr. H. B. Coleman, president of the American Assoc. of Retired Persons, extend this invitation to all those who are interested.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBERS PLAN FOR RAILROAD FESTIVAL

Festival excitement fills the air as members of the Appomattox Woman's Club prepare for their annual participation in the Annual Appomattox Railroad Festival. Shown in above photo, left to right, are Becca Carter, Betsy Carter, Ruby Ferguson, Virginia Babcock, and Becky Moore.

New this year will be a 12 foot by 3 foot festival banner of white broad cloth with red and blue lettering. The banner is being hand sketched by club members and will be hung over Main Street during the festival.

Again this year club members will be in charge of the Festival's Registration Booth and will be the Festival's Official Hostesses, dressed in festival attire.

Everyone attending the festival is encouraged to visit the Registration Booth.

PAMPLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU

Mon., Sept. 12 - Beef w/gravy, buttered whole potatoes, green peas, jello w/fruit, rolls, milk.

Tues., Sept. 13 - Corn dogs, french fries, turnip greens, congo bars, milk.

Wed., Sept. 14 - Pizza, cole slaw, potato chips, banana, milk

Thurs., Sept. 15 - Chicken salad, backeyed peas, baked apples, biscuits, butter, milk.

Fri., Sept. 16 - Sausage, turnip greens, whipped potatoes, pineapple delight, milk, rolls.

BETHANY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please note the change of date for the Bethany Extension Homemakers Club.

The meeting will be held on Sept. 19th in the home of Mrs. R. E. Harris.

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THEN and NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette

Cecil Sells, foster brother of Mrs. Mary Covington Bagby as he looked in the days of THEN. Cecil now resides in Princeton, West Va.

Part II - "Miss Mary - - 75 Years In The Same House"

Mrs. Mary Covington Bagby has been a member of Hollywood Baptist Church since childhood. As Women's Missionary Union President and an active church member, busily engaged in all phases of church work, she has little idle time. She said in our talk, "I love my church, my home, my family and friends. My happiest moments are when I am doing something for someone I love. My motto is this: "I expect to pass through this world but once, any good that I can do, any kindness I can show my fellowman, let me not neglect it for I shall not pass this way again.'"

There was a time when "Miss Mary", as a little girl, got into mischief in church. It was revival time; Mama had her all "primpy and fixed up." Little Mary was on her Mother's lap, being the perfect little lady. For a brief time this was fine. A friend, sensing the restlessness mounting in the child, took her from the mother's lap. The friend put her down for just a minute to straighten her dress and show her off - - - quietly, she thought! A minute was long enough; before they knew what was happening Mary was up in the pulpit gently tugging at the speaking minister's "frock-tail" coat! This lasted only momentarily; next she was furiously fanning some little boys she found in the congregation! Her father was quick to grab her up; in Mary's words, "he got hold of me and fixed things!" I can just imagine the kind of fixing he did!

The Covingtons were a very closely knit family and Mary loved them, especially her grandparents. You can imagine what her parents thought when she very innocently asked, "Why doesn't my Grandpa die? Other old people are dying. "She didn't want her grandpa dead, she just wondered in her young mind why her grandpa wasn't doing as other people his age were doing!

Among many pieces of beautiful old furniture in the log house, there is a heavy, old bed. It was quite high off the floor and looked as thought it was made of cherry. Mrs. Bagby explained it was made high to accomodate a trundle bed that was kept underneath. At bedtime, the trundle bed would be pulled out and one of the children in the family tucked snugly in; in the morning the little bed was whisked out of sight.

In the same room is a staircase that has been put in to replace a "pine pole" ladder. It seems there was a couple who descended the ladder and were married in the log room.

Mrs. Bagby remembers her mother getting ready for Sunday. Frying-size chickens would be killed, dressed and ready for the frying pan early Sunday morning. Since flour was bought by the barrel there was always an abundance of homemade biscuits to go with the chicken.

One day Cecil came back from church to find so many people in the yard he didn't know whether to stop or not; he was afraid there might not be enough food to go around. There always was, and more beside.

Mrs. Bagby said there was always time in the days of THEN. "Time to have friends in for a meal, to visit the sick, time to lend a helping hand. The ladies would visit in the afternoon and maybe stay for supper. The hostess would then walk part way home with her guests." Mrs. Bagby spoke of the good times they had at quiltings, corn shuckings, wheat threashings, and tobacco tyings. Of course she remembers well the platters of friend chicken and country ham and other delicious food served at these gatherings.

"Miss Mary" remembers helping her brother Frank build a playhouse. Maybe she wasn't really helping - - - she was picking up chips as they fell to the ground. Regardless of whether she was helping or not, Mary had been warned repeatedly to be careful about getting too close. She did, and her finger was cut - - - really deep! Frank was scared; he pleaded with Mary not to tell their mother about the incident. He promised her if she just wouldn't tell, he would find her a hen's nest that would be all hers. (Chickens were allowed to run free in those days). If there was any possible way, I am sure they patched up that finger without the help of their mother. The thought of a hen nest of her own and the possibility of getting a few eggs each week to carry to the store to trade for "goodies" was really something to anticipate in those days.

Cooking, canning, and preserving are hobbies of Mrs. Bagby. I believe she derives the greatest pleasure from sharing the "fruits of her labor" with her friends. I can vouch for her relish and cucumber pickles; they are delicious!

In addition to church work and community service, Mrs. Bagby has been country correspondent for The Times-Virginian for many, many years. Readers eagerly look forward to reading about the "doings" of their Hollywood friends as reported by "Miss Mary."

In 75 years of living a person sees and hears a lot; somehow Mrs. Bagby seems to remember ony the good things. She thinks and speaks of her church, her home, and the town of Appomattox as her own little world.

Someone said, "It takes a heap of living to make a house a home". Mrs. Bagby's house has had a "heap of living", and it's a "heap of a home!" Mrs. Bagby and her 200 year old home are to the Hollywood Community and to the County of Appomattox a symbol of the good neighbor policy, of sharing and of caring.

Mrs. Baby, all of us at The Times - Virginian appreciate your help as you faithfully contribute your column each week. I enjoyed, so very much, the afternoon I spent in your home talking with you about the days of THEN and NOW and the "goodies" you gave me to take home.

"Miss Mary", I'd say for a woman who has lived all her life in the same house in the same community, your influence has been far-reaching. God bless you.

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Just to prove to you that Mrs. Baby is the fantastic cook that I say, I invite you to bake and eat this, one of her favorite pies!

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4 whole eggs, beaten
2 cups whole milk
1 tsp. vanilla
½ stick margarine (melted)
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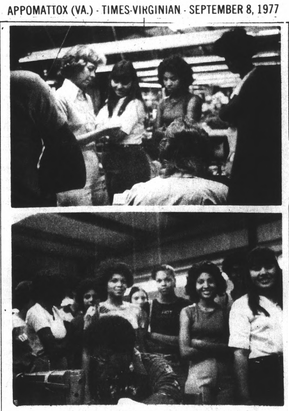

Off To A Good Start

Mrs. Gale McCraw's Occupational Clothing I students got off to a good start by visiting the Sangil Garment Factory last Thursday. The students are just beginning their two year program in Occupational Clothing where they are now beginning their two year program in Occupational Clothing where they are now learning about all the opportunities available in the clothing field.

Homemaker's Council Meet

The Appomattox Extension Homemakers Council met August 30, 1977 at the county extension office. There were ten members present. Shirley Walton, home extension agent, and Claudette Smith, who is training for extension work, were also present.

Isabelle Coleman, county chairman, presided over the meeting. Louise Plunkett read a meditation entitled "Slow Me Down". The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. Our treasurer, Geraldine Marshall, reported a balance of $98.57 in treasury.

We have three very important events coming up in the county. The Achievement Day plans have been finalized. We will meet at Appomattox Day plans have been finalized. We will meet at Appomattox Historical Park, Sept. 24, at 1 p.m. The rain date is Oct. 1. The theme will be "A Step Back in Time". Each club has been sent a list of things that need to be done in preparation for this day.

The East Central Family Resource Conference will be at the Appomattox County High School on Friday, Nov. 4. Lunch will be available for $2.65.

The date for the Christmas Open House has been set for Nov. 7-11, in the extension office. There will be more information in the September Newsletter on these last two events.

We were reminded of the Five County Fair Sept. 12-17. Exhibits are to be taken to Fair Sept. 12.

Club members are urged to learn the State and National Homemakers songs. Each club is being asked to get in suggestions for club programs for 1978 as soon as possible.

There will be a Communications Workshop at Holiday Inn in Salem, Va. Sept. 20 & 21, 1977. The Homemakers Council voted to pay the expenses of our chairman-elect, Ethel Evans, to go to this meeting.

There will also be a fall conference at Natural Bridge Nov. 1-3. Several members plan to attend one day of this conference. Our next newsletter should give us more information on these two conferences.

Katie Martin, Reporter

Farm Bureau Women To Sponsor Essay Contest

The Women's Committee of Appomattox County Farm Bureau is sponsoring an Essay Contest on October 1st at the Fall Farm Bureau Dinner Meeting.

Rules of the contest are: 1. any boy or girl age 11 - 16 may enter (age is interpreted to mean if they are this age during the calendar year of entry), 2. person entering must be member of Farm Bureau family, 3. essay must contain not less than 500 words, 4. subject of essay is "Keeping Farm Families Free in Century Three", 5. judging will be based on originality of thought, method of expression, neatness correct spelling and sentence structure.

The County winner will be awarded a $25.00 Savings Bond.

The county's winning essay will be entered into competition with winning entries from other county Farm Bureaus and submitted not later than October 31.

The State winner will be announced at the Convention. Award to State winner will be $100 Savings Bond.

For further information, call Concord 993-2660 or Pamplin 248-6508.

CAMPBELL COUNTY LITTLE THEATRE TO HOLD TRYOUTS

The Campbell County Little Theater will hold tryouts for the musical comedy "Once Upon A Mattress." Times, dates and places are as follows: Monday and Tuesday September 12 and 13 at Rustburg Middle School: Wednesday and Thursday, September 14 and 15 at Brookville High School, 7:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. each night.

The cast calls for 11 men and 10 women. All those interested in auditioning for this show are encouraged to bring a song of their choice to sing. An accompanist will be provided. Those trying out will also be asked to read from portions of the script. Familiarity with the script is not necessary - however, a limited number are available to check out at the Campbell County Recreation Department for a small deposit.

"Once Upon A Mattress" is a musical satire version of the old fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea." It received acclaim on Broadway and television with Carol Burnett in the starring role.

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